



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTION STRUCTURE, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF,
AND ELECTRICAL WIRING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the March 10, 2003 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

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--17. The production method of claim 1, wherein contacting the electrode with the
biopolymer comprises contacting the electrode with an existing biopolymer.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 17 is added.
Support for claim 17 can be found in the application as filed, for example, at page 12; thus,
no new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-7 and 14-16, with traverse.
Applicants also provisionally elect Species B, with traverse. Among the claims in Group I,
claims 4-7 and 16 are readable on Species B, and claims 1-3 and 14-15 are generic.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement between Group I, drawn to
a method of production or electric wiring, and Group II, drawn to an electrical connection